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In re Application of
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This is a decision on the petition filed February 28, 2001, requesting, in effect that a Notice to File Missing Parts in a Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") mailed January 26, 2001 be withdrawn.

The application was filed on December 13, 2000. However, on January 26, 2001, Initial Patent Examination Division mailed the Notice stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of December 13, 2000 and advising applicant that Figures 2-11 described in the specification appeared to have been omitted.

In response, the present petition was filed. The petition contends that the application as filed included figures 2-11.

A comparison of the drawings filed on December 13, 2000, with the drawings supplied with the petition confirms that figures 2-11 were filed on December 13, 2000. However, the figures were unlabeled. It is obvious from the petition that no drawings were actually missing on December 13, 2000 and that applicant is not seeking to submit any additional drawings.

The "Notice" mailed January 26, 2001, was correct in advising applicant that unlabeled drawings 2-11 appeared to have been omitted. Therefore, the "Notice" was properly mailed and will not be withdrawn.

The petition is dismissed.

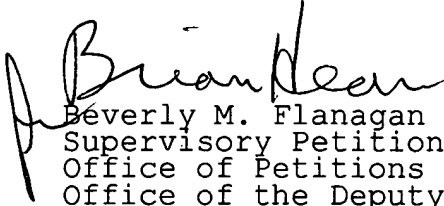
The petition fee will not be refunded, since the petition was not necessary to correct any PTO error.

The PTO acknowledges the receipt of the substitute drawings of figures 2-11.

The application is being returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing with a filing date of December 13, 2000.

In accordance with the Notice to file Missing Parts mailed on January 26, 2001, the PTO awaits the payment of the filing fee, the submission of the signed oath/declaration and the substitute drawing of figure 1.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Charlema R. Grant at (703) 306-0251.



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